

Medical Direction and Practice Board
15-Nov-06
Minutes

In Attendance Members: Dave McKelway, David Ettinger, Kevin Kendall, Paul Liebow, Matt Sholl

In Attendance Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Dawn Kinney, Scott Smith

In Attendance: Jonnathan Busko, Dan Palladino, Tim Beals, Ginny Brockway, Rick Petrie, David Robie, Joseph Moore, John Brady – and by teleconference: Joanne LeBrun, Paul Marcolini, Joe LaHood, and Chris Moretto.

Topic	Discussion	Action(s)
1) Minutes from October 2006	No discussion	MOTION: To approve October minutes as distributed. McKelway; second by Ettinger. Unanimous
2) Legislative, Budget, EMSTAR updates	No update	
3) CPAP Data		Dan Batisie was unavailable to attend. Topic deferred until December meeting.
4) Influenza Vaccination	Dr. Busko reviewed the guidelines previously distributed for paramedics to administer flu vaccines.	<p>MOTION: To approve the guidelines as presented and forward to Education Committee and Operations Team, then report back to MDPB. Sholl; second by Liebow. Unanimous</p> <p>MEMS to contact Maine CDC for logistical details regarding obtaining and administering the vaccines.</p> <p>Dr. Busko and Scott Smith will work on information packet about vaccine administration and record-keeping.</p>
5) Protocols	Reviews will begin in December with Medical (Dr. Smith); followed in January with General Reference (Dr. McKelway) and Miscellaneous (Dr. Ettinger).	
6) Pan Flu discussion	<p>Jay reported that he and Dr. Diaz met with Don Ward, Maine CDC, last month. Consensus was that a pandemic flu outbreak is primarily a public health situation that would also involve MEMA. EMS is a key player, but will be looking to ME CDC and MEMA for planning and guidance.</p> <p>State Plan must have direct</p>	Continue working with Maine CDC and provide updates to EMS community.

	<p>reference to “EMS” to avoid EMS’s role being misinterpreted or double counted.</p> <p>ME CDC is breaking such a situation into 3 basic categories: 1) Approaching (meaning an identified case in No. America); 2) Here (in Maine); and 3) Gone.</p> <p>www.maine flu.gov and 2-1-1 phone lines are resources for questions now and in an emergency.</p> <p>Guidelines for EMD instructions, public information, EMS providers, and emergency departments should be consistent with national guidelines.</p> <p>Plans for just-in-time training should be developed (e.g. OLMC, and medication administration).</p>	
7) CO Monitoring	Joseph Moore, Rockland Fire Department, presented information on a CO oximeter for which they are asking MDPB approval.	MOTION: To approve the prehospital use of a CO oximeter provided it is used as an assessment tool for asymptomatic patients and not for diagnostic purposes. Ettinger; second by Sholl. Unanimous
8) OLMC Update	<p>Dr. Busko waiting for information from MEMS about administrative structure, and fine-tuning. A potential narrator has been identified, and the goal is to have this ready for release in February.</p> <p>Once ready, contact will be made with Maine ACEP, MHA, and others for support.</p>	MEMS to get information to Dr. Busko.
9) HART	<p>Jay reported that on November 9, there was a conference at MEMS hosted by Maine Quality Forum on developing statewide guidance for a coordinated response and treatment for STEMI patients.</p> <p>MQF has developed a draft wall chart that was e-mailed. Comments should go directly to MQF.</p> <p>Work continues on 12 lead EKG training and QI.</p>	
10) PIFT Update	Rick Petrie reported that the 3 rd beta	

	<p>test was conducted at the Samoset and the program itself is complete.</p> <p>There will be a special Education Committee meeting on 11/27/06 to respond to some recent questions that arose (e.g. who can instruct and course materials).</p> <p>The Board will take action on the new PIFT program at its December 6 meeting.</p>	
11) MEMS QI	Jay reported that work continues on the 12 lead QI form; the first 3 months of airway data are due in December; no meeting in November.	
Next Meeting	December 20, 2006, 0930 – 1230, at MEMS.	